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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of two documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Submitted herewith is:

- (1) Japanese "Notice of Reasons for Refusal", dated April 10, 2007, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-385846; along with an English-language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2000-082146 published March 2000;
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2001-222719 published August 17, 2001; and
- (4) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2005-025568 (SECOM CO LTD), published January 27, 2005; Together with an English-language abstract thereof.

The above references (2)-(4) are cited in item (1), "Notice of Reasons for Refusal", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. No copy of documents (2) and (3) are provided as these documents were included in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed March 6, 2007 and filed with the Patent Office on March 9, 2007, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 12, 2004, respectively.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and additionally, as this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the receipt of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final Office Action under § 1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first, no fee is incurred. If it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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